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Gottenburg, Novemb. 19.

ABout a Fortnight ago, Baron *Trott*, Baron *Scrabbe*, and other *Daniſh* Noblemen, who have Lands and Caſtles in *Schonen*, and had therefore ſworn Allegiance to the King of *Sueden*, having underhand had a Correſpondence with the King of *Denmark*, and particularly the latter, received a Commiſſion from the King of *Denmark* to command the *Snaphans* of theſe Countries, by whoſe means it came to paſs, that moſt of all our ſmall Parties or Convoys were cut in pieces, and that the Roads from one place to another were become very dangerous; but at laſt perceiving they were diſcovered, endeavoured under a Convoy of 300 Horſe to ſave themſelves, and their rich Houſhold-ſtuff, Plate, and other things, in 18 great Wagons in *Landſcroon*; but being met by 400 *Suediſh* Horſe, commanded by the Governour of *Helſingburg*, they ſo warmly engaged them, that 250 were killed and taken Priſoners, and amongſt them the ſaid Gentlemen, and their Wagons carried to *Helſingburg*; where the Baron *Scrabbe* hath had Sentence paſt upon him to be hang'd and quarter'd, and the pieces of his Body to be diſperſed here and there upon the Highwayes. Admiral *Sioblad* parted hence three dayes ago to wait upon the King, having been exchanged for Major General *Duncamp*. The King is expected about a Fortnight hence at *Wexico*, to confer with ſome of the Senate about the Affairs of State, as well as of War. Four hundred *Poliſh* Soldiers are come from *Dantzick*, to reinforce the Gariſon of *Marſtrand*.

Milan, Nov. 24. Our Governor having by two ſeveral Expreſſes received advice from *Genoua*, that 40 *French* Sail of ſhips had been ſeen off of that place, his Excellency immediately gave Orders, that the Cavalry ſhould be put in a readineſs to march, and that the Gariſons on that ſide ſhould be reinforced. His Excellency has likewiſe ordered that every Troop of Horſe ſhall be made up ten men, and every Company of Foot 20 men more than they are at preſent; and we are farther told, that two new Regiments will be forthwith raiſed.

Vienna, Decemb. 5. The States of the *Lower Auſtria*, being aſſembled here, upon the News of the taking of *Friburg* by the *French*, reſolved to offer his Imperial Majeſty the tenth man within this Countrey, which having been accepted, they have proceeded to nominate the Officers that are to command them, and the place for their Rendezvous; and beſides we are told that ſeveral perſons of quality have offered to raiſe Regiments at their own charge. In *Hungary* the Rebels proceed with great ſeverity againſt ſuch Priſoners as they happen to take. They are ſaid to be 20000 ſtrong. On Monday laſt arrived here Lieutenant Colonel *Schmidt* from the Army on the *Rhine*, being ſent by the Duke of *Lorrain*, to give the Emperor an account of the condition thoſe Troops are at preſent in.

From the Elector of Brandenburgh's *Camp before* Stetin, *Decemb.* 10. We have at preſent not much to write, all we can tell you is, that we are now lodged upon the wall, where we poſted our ſelves not without conſiderable loſs, for the Beſiegers made a great defence. The weather very much incommodes us; we reckon we are ſtill 14000 ſtrong; the Soldiers are not diſheartned with the tediouſneſs and difficulties they have rencountred with in this Siege, but are willing to endure yet more, to put an honorable end to it. His Elect. Highneſs has cauſed little Deal-houſes or Hutts to be built, to ſhelter the Soldiers from the extremity of the weather. The Deſerters that come out of the Town, ſtill entertain us with a relation of the ruines of the place, and of the miſeries the Inhabitants are reduced to, and perſuade us that they cannot hold out much longer.

Roſtock, Dec. 10. Our Advices from the Camp before *Stetin* ſay, that the Beſiegers had made their Batteries upon the walls, with which they would do great execution; that the *Danes* Forces were arrived in the Camp, from *Rugen* and *Copenhagen*; that the Beſieged began to be diſcouraged, ſeeing the relief ſo long promiſed them from the Army in *Livonia* did not yet appear; that the Elector of *Brandenburg* was reſolved to put a ſpeedy end to the Siege, and to preſs it with all his Force; that preparations were making for a general Aſſault, which would certainly determine the matter one way or other.

Hamburg, Dec. 10. Our laſt Letters from the Camp before *Stetin* are of the 6th inſtant, they tell us, that on the 4th at Night, the Beſiegers gained a Poſt upon the walls, though with the loſs of a great many men, the Beſieged having made three ſeveral attempts to beat them out again. That the *Lunenburgs* on their ſide were poſted upon the Baſtion or Bulwark, and that they were in hopes to be Maſters of the place in a ſhort time. But at the ſame time the Letters we receive from all the Neighbouring places aſſure us, that the Beſieged are yet in a condition to defend themſelves till *March*. The weather does greatly incommode both Parties, eſpecially the Beſiegers. In *Sueden* we hear the States are aſſembled, and have taken ſeveral reſolutions ſutable to the preſent exigence.

Ribnitz, Decemb. 11. By Paſſengers come from the Camp before *Stetin*, we are informed, that the Generals themſelves know not what to think of the Siege, as to the end it may have. As yet there appears not any diſpoſition in his Electoral Highneſs to quit the Siege, and if he perſevere in it, and that on the other hand the Beſieged receive no relief, as they have hitherto little proſpect of any, the place muſt inevitably fall at laſt into the Electors hands. The *Suedes* tell us indeed that their Army in *Livonia* will march with the firſt hard Froſt, and fall into *Pruſſia*, but time muſt ſhew. We underſtand that 8 ſhips are arrived at *Rugen*, with *Daniſh* Troops, and five more laden with Proviſions. However the *Danes* are retired from before the *New Fehr-Scans*, contenting themſelves to keep it blocked up, while in the mean time the reſt of their Troops are quartered at large in ſeveral Villages.

Metz, Decemb. 8. This day the *French Genſdarmes* that were in *Alſace*, paſt through this place on their march to *Toul*; we expect here very ſuddenly the reſt of the